has been fixed on CWC for recovery of the cost. District-wise details of damaged stocks and its liquidation is given in Statement (See below).

(b) The main reason for downgradation of foodgrain is due to only prolonged storage and not due to mismanagement.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of damaged stocks of foodgrains, as on 01.04.2001 *and liquidation thereof in the state of Uttranchal*

Name of District	Damaged Stock Position as on 01.04.2001				Stock Liquidated Till Date @@				Balance Stock Available			
	Rice	Wheat	Paddy	Total	Rice	Wheat	Paddy	Total	Rice	Wheat	Paddy	Total
Dehradun	45	58	0	103	40	41	0	81	5	17	0	22
Haldwani	450	15	78	543	446	6	0	452*	4	9	78	91
Srinagar	48	42	0	90	24	34	0	58	24	8	0	32
Total:	543	115	78	736	510	81	0	591	33	34	78	145

NOTE:-@@-Stocks liquidated free of cost as per Ministry's order and also includes liquidation through tender sale.

(*) Includes 137 tonnes of rice for which Rs. 4.0 lakh approx. recovered from CWC and for remaining amount recovery proceedings under progress.

Construction of Godowns by Private Entrepreneurs

1858. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued necessary directions to the Food Corporation of India to give guarantee for additional 15 lakh MTs. Godowns for 7 years to be constructed by private entrepreneurs, being essential for Rabi 2002 crop;

(b) if so, the details of the directions so issued;

(c) by when the godowns are expected to be constructed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The request of Government of Andhra Pradesh to extend guarantee for creation of an additional capacity of 15 Lakh MTs has been examined in consultation with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and taking into consideration the storage capacity available with different agencies in Andhra Pradesh, the likely procurement and off take, the Government has advised the FCI to give 7 years guarantee to the State Government/State Warehousing Corporation for construction of additional 5 Lakh MTs (covered) storage capacity, in addition to the guarantee for 15 lakh MTs conveyed during June and August 2001.

Import of Sugar

1859. SHRI P.N. SIVA:
SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the threat of imports of sugar has adversely affected the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, its implications noticed so far on farmers; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. There is no threat of imports of sugar, adversely affecting the domestic sugar sector as the customs' duty on import of sugar has been raised to 60% with effect from 9.2.2000 and the countervailing duty of Rs. 850 per MT, continues to be levied on import of sugar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.